

Semifinalists Are Named In The 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program

EVANSTON, Ill. — Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) have announced the names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 59th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,000 National Merit Scholarships worth about \$35 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and more than half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 440 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

About 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a Finalist, the semifinalist and their high school must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

From the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of Finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2014. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state representational basis. About 1,000 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards will be provided by approximately 240 corporations and business organizations for Finalists who meet their specified criteria, such as children of the grantor's employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located. In addition, about 200 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,500 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2014 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 300,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

Area Semifinalists from South Dakota include:

- FREEMAN — Justin Eisenbeis, Freeman High School.
- VERMILLION — Robert Erikson, Vermillion High School

MENUS

Menus listed below are for the week of Sept. 16, 2013. Menus are subject to change without notice. All meals are served with milk.

Yankton Elementary Schools

Monday — Mini Pancakes
Tuesday — Hamburger
Wednesday — Shrimp Poppers
Thursday — Chicken Burger
Friday — Pizza Dippers

Yankton Middle School

Monday — Teriyaki Chicken
Tuesday — Pizza Dippers
Wednesday — Shrimp Poppers
Thursday — Taco Bites
Friday — Roast Turkey

YHS A Line Menu

Monday — Popcorn Chicken
Tuesday — Chili w/ Cheese
Wednesday — Turkey Hoagie
Thursday — Italian Dunker
Friday — Turkey Tenders

YHS B Line Menu

Monday — Can. Bacon Pizza
Tuesday — Mac & Cheese Cass.
Wednesday — Pretzel
Thursday — Chicken/Rice Soup
Friday — Meat Combo Wrap

YHS C Line Menu

Monday — Bacon Cheeseburger
Tuesday — Chicken Burger
Wednesday — Quesadilla
Thursday — Corn dog
Friday — Ham/Chs. Croissant

Sacred Heart Schools

Monday — Calico Bean Cass.
Tuesday — Hot Dog
Wednesday — Ch./Nood. Cass.
Thursday — Taco Burger
Friday — Grilled Chick. Sand.

The Center/Yankton

Monday — Parmesan Chicken
Tuesday — Beef Tops/Gravy
Wednesday — HI Chick. Sand.
Thursday — Pork Roast
Friday — Porcupine Meatballs

Tabor Senior Citizens Center

Monday — N/A
Tuesday — Parmesan Chicken
Wednesday — Cook's Choice
Thursday — Applesauce Ribs
Friday — N/A

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Dear Tom and Ray:

While cleaning out my 70-something parents' garage, I found three mostly empty containers of power steering fluid. They are possibly from different decades. Can these be combined, or will mixing them cause serious automotive, health and/or environmental damage? Thanks. — Greg

TOM: They can be mixed for the purpose of making them easier to carry to a recycling facility, Greg.

RAY: I can tell that you want to mix them up and use them in your car, but that's a bad idea.

TOM: Throughout the years, power steering fluid has changed. And different manufacturers have sometimes had different requirements for their fluids. So, it might be compatible with what you need, or it might not be.

RAY: And wouldn't you be annoyed if, to save five bucks on a quart of power steering fluid, you ruined your power steering pump and had to shell



CAR TALK

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

out hundreds of dollars for a new one? Or worse, you ruined your steering rack, which cost you 1,000 bucks?

TOM: Mixing them together will not cause any dangerous chemical reaction or caustic fumes. You'd be in greater danger of that from sitting next to my brother after lunch.

RAY: And there's no environmental danger as long as all the stuff ends up in some kind of container and gets properly recycled.

HHS Hosts Tails & Trails Event In Vermillion

VERMILLION — Heartland Humane Society invites the community to celebrate pets with its annual Tails & Trails event Saturday, Sept. 21, running from 10 a.m.-noon at the Old Ice Rink on USD campus near North Complex dorms.

The event will include games, a poker walk and pet contests. The event is free and poker cards will be \$5. The top three winning hands will receive prizes. Games will include a canine limbo contest, hoola hoop jump and more.

Attendees are encouraged to come

with or without a pet. All healthy, friendly and vaccinated animals are welcomed. Heartland Humane Society's adoptable dogs will also be on hand to meet.

Donations to the shelter will be accepted as well, with all proceeds going toward the care of our shelter pets. Shelter merchandise and a micro-chipping workshop will also be available to purchase.

A pet contest will be held at 10:45 a.m. The contest categories are Best Trick, Best Dressed, and Most Unusual.

First place prize packages will be awarded.

"Tails & Trails is a fun event and USD Greek Life has stepped up to make this year's event bigger and better," said Kerry Schmidt, Executive Director at Heartland Humane Society. "It's a great way to get some exercise, feel good about yourself and have fun with your pet — or ours!"

For more information, contact Schmidt at 605-664-4244.

Proposal

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to put together complex projects, so this is not only our last hope but probably our best hope in a long time. If we can keep these buildings standing for the next two years, then I believe they'll be standing and serving the community for the next 200 years — and on the tax rolls."

Jean and Stevens echoed Bernie's sentiments.

"This is an opportunity for our community to address housing needs, economic development and quality of life for our citizens," Jean Hunhoff said. "This provides a business plan for a planned development for private, state and local (entities) to partner and utilize the campus and preserve historic buildings in this community."

Stevens said he favors the governor considering the Foutch Brothers proposal "due to the incredible historic value of the buildings, as well as the possibility of providing more affordable housing in Yankton, provided that it is not done at any additional expense to the taxpayers. If those buildings can be saved under that criteria, then I believe the project is worth considering."

In the letter, the three legislators offer to work with Daugaard if he considers the proposal worth pursuing.

Under the proposed guidelines, Foutch Brothers would own and operate the rental facilities through at least a five-year minimum historic rehabilitation compliance period.

"Our rehabilitation and proposed uses would be developed with the understanding that they need to operate cooperatively and compatibly with your existing and planned uses on adjacent sections of the HSC campus," the proposal states. "We expect that numerous detailed and legal issues related to transfer of the property, establishing boundaries, establishing public access routes, and coordinating or revising utility services all will need to be worked out in detail with (the governor's office)."

Foutch Brothers estimates it would take approximately six months to set up the legal and financial structure for the project, followed by another six months to reach final agreements. Construction would take approximately another 24 months.

The firm requests the state grant a binding 12-month option to acquire the property.

Proposed sources to fund the project are:

- \$2.77 million in federal historic tax credits;
- \$1.5 million from the State of South Dakota that would otherwise go to demolition/hazmat costs;
- a \$4.5 million permanent loan;
- a \$1 million deferred developer fee;
- \$2.1 million in owner contributions;
- \$2 million from a City of Yankton tax-increment financing district; and
- \$2.52 million in New Market tax credits.

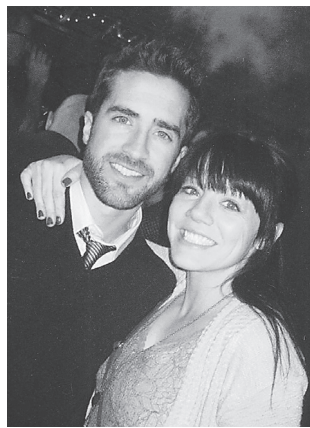
"This proposal obviously presents a very brief outline of the proposed project," the Foutch Brothers proposal states. "We know, as you do, that there would be hundreds of details to work out with

your administration and with our financial partners. Our proposed implementation plan, including the project setup option period, is a common way that we accomplish this complicated set of tasks, and successfully launch these types of projects."

Earlier this week, Deb Bowman, a senior advisor to Daugaard, told the Press & Dakotan that the proposal is a very preliminary one.

"We have just completed a review and will be asking many questions," she said.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/.



Dvorak-LaScola

Sarah Marie Dvorak and John Michael LaScola Jr., both of Austin, TX, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

Parents of the couple are Daniel and Diane Dvorak of Yankton, SD, and Kim and John M. LaScola, Sr., of

Hudson, OH.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Yankton High School and a 2004 graduate of Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD, with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. She is currently employed as a nurse at the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery of Central Texas in Austin, TX.

The groom-elect is a 2003 graduate of Walsh Jesuit High School in Cuyahoga Falls, OH, and a 2007 graduate of the University of Dayton in Ohio with a degree in International Business Marketing. He is currently employed by Fortec Medical as Texas Territory Manager.

The couple is planning an October 19, 2013, wedding in Littleton, CO, at 4 p.m.

Accident

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investigating the crash, assisted by the Bon Homme County sheriff's office, Joffer said. Also responding to the crash were the Tyndall Fire and Rescue, the Avon Fire Department and the Tyndall ambulance.

No formal charges have been filed, but a trooper investigating the accident indi-

cated that charges are pending against March for failure to yield, according to Joffer.

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at twitter.com/RDockendorf. Discuss this story at www.yankton.net/.

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